



Gary Eugene Smith

February 21, 1940 - April 1, 2015

Gary Eugene Smith, 75, died Wednesday, April 1, 2015, at home, after an extended illness. He was with his wife of forty-three years, Lynda Bowers Smith and their beloved dog, Sassy. A memorial service celebrating his life will be held at 2:00 pm, on Tuesday, April 14 at Sudley United Methodist Church, 5308 Sudley Road, Manassas, VA 20155.

In addition to his wife, he leaves three daughters Deb (Don) Angerman and Kristin Bowers of Gainesville and Penni Layne, of Boston; two grandchildren Travis Angerman and Madison Good; two sisters Joanne (Pat) Padberg and Suzette (Steve) Bowman, and many cousins, nephews, nieces and other family members.

Born in Burlington, Iowa, the son of Gerald Eugene and Martha Jane (Strauss) Smith, the young family left Iowa during the war years to follow work and family through Wyoming, Washington DC, and Farnham, VA until finally settling in Alexandria, VA in 1951. In 1957, Gary's dad passed away unexpectedly, and he quit high school in order to work full-time and support his widowed mom and two young sisters. He served in the US Army from 1963 to 1965, working in the military police division at Ft. Riley, KS. He earned his GED while in the service.

After serving in the military, he returned to Alexandria where he raised his

family. He worked as the service manager for Mt. Vernon Dodge and Heritage Chrysler Plymouth for twenty-five years. In 1990, he moved to Surfside Beach, and then Murrells Inlet, SC where he worked for Advanced Auto Parts until retirement. In 2012 he and his wife returned to Virginia to be closer to family.

Gary was a quiet man who worked hard to take care of his family. He was equally at home camping in the mountains or by the sea, and always took great pride in his yard. He loved a good joke, was a fantastic storyteller, and enjoyed spending time with his daughters and grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by his many friends and family. A special thank you to Vitas Hospice for their loving care and support.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **14**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Sudley United Methodist Church
5308 Sudley Road
Manassas, VA

Tribute Wall

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“ I have many memories of Gary from childhood through our later years. We spent a lot of time together when we were kids, either in Virginia where my Aunt and Uncle lived, or in Mt Rainier, MD where my family lived. I also have many memories of Farnham, VA where my Aunt and Uncle had a small farm. We spent many hours playing outdoors at the farm with chickens, dogs (Queeny), etc. The most memorable for me was when Gary pulled me out of the middle of a coiled up snake in the garden...to me it was the biggest snake ever. Anyway, in later years, we spent many weekends down on Kent Island at my mom and dad's place...many memories there. Gary also loved his cars and I remember riding in his older shiny dodge, I believe, with my arm out the window, which I found out quickly was a no, no, as the sweat could rust the chrome. Gary also had a great sense of humor and we laughed together a lot. I will miss my cousin...my heart goes out to the entire family.

Cousin Kay

Kay Deere - April 14, 2015 at 10:05 AM